

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system ~~for distributing digital images to a user, the system~~ comprising:

~~an image capture device for creating digital images, wherein the digital images include metadata containing information about a source of the digital images;~~

~~at least one image server in communication with the image capture device, the image server receiving and storing configured to store digital images transmitted received from the one or more image capture device;~~

and

~~at least one programmable software agent processor in communication with the at least one image server, the at least one software agent including processor configured to use a plurality of sets at least one set of picture-frame-specific user-specified criteria for periodically selecting new digital images to update corresponding images displayed on electronic picture frames at a premises, the at least one set of user-specified criteria including a desired source of the digital images, wherein different sets of user-specified criteria are established for different picture frames at a premises, and for each set of user-specified criteria the at least one software agent processor is configured to automatically compares the user-specified criteria with the metadata of the stored digital images available at the image server during a first time period to evaluate and select digital images from the desired source for distribution to the user picture frames, the at least one software agent automatically comparing and to automatically compare the user-specified criteria with the metadata of additional digital images added to the image server during a second time period after the first time period not available during the first time period whenever the additional digital images are made available at the image server.~~

2-29. (Canceled)

30. (New) An image method, comprising:

storing, at one or more computing devices, different sets of image preferences corresponding to different image display devices located at a first premises;

automatically and periodically using the different sets of image preferences to select replacement images for display on respective ones of the display devices from an image server computing device; and

updating images displayed by the image display devices with the corresponding selected replacement images.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the image display devices are electronic picture frames, and wherein the different sets of image preferences identify user-preferred types of pictures to be displayed and periodically updated at corresponding electronic picture frames at the first premises.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising establishing a purchase cost limit for each of the image display devices, and using the limit when periodically obtaining new images for display on the image display devices.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the purchase cost limit is a cost limit for a recurring period of time.

34. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising:

in response to new images becoming available on the image server computing device, automatically downloading updated images for display on the image display devices, based on the different sets of image preferences for each corresponding image display device.

35. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising replacing images on a first image display device according to scheduled time periods.

36. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising receiving a user request to subscribe to a gallery of images, and using the gallery of images to periodically select new images for display on a first image display device.

37. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising enforcing a time duration restriction associated with a first image displayed on one of the image display devices.
38. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising displaying a first one of the replacement images on a tablet computing device as a tie-in to a video program being consumed on another device.
39. (New) A method, comprising:
establishing different display device-specific image criteria for each of a plurality of image display devices at a first premises, wherein the criteria include information identifying a user's preferred image type; and
configuring each of the image display devices to display images, and to automatically retrieve new images from an image server computing device at corresponding time intervals, wherein the retrieval of new images includes using each display device's image criteria to select its new image.
40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the image display devices are electronic picture frames.
41. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the establishing different display device-specific image criteria for a first image display device further includes establishing a price limit for the purchase of new images for the first image display device.
42. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein establishing different display device-specific image criteria for a first image display device further includes identifying a predetermined gallery of images from which new images are to be retrieved for the first image display device.
43. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein establishing different display device-specific image criteria for a first image display device further includes identifying one or more photographic subjects that the user prefers to appear in the new images selected for a first display device.

44. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein establishing different display device-specific image criteria for a first image display device further includes identifying one or more persons that the user prefers to appear in the new images selected for a first display device.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein establishing different display device-specific image criteria for a first image display device further includes identifying one or more persons that the user prefers to be the source for the new images selected for the first display device.

46. (New) The method of claim 39, further comprising pushing new images from the image server computing device to a plurality of software agent computing devices for a corresponding plurality of image display devices as the new images become available at the image server computing device.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising configuring the plurality of software agent computing devices to poll different image server computing devices for new images.

48. (New) The method of claim 39, further comprising displaying a first one of the new images on a tablet computing device as a tie-in to a video program while the video program is being consumed on another device.